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Board of County Commissioners

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
United States House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

July 11, 2023

RE: Authorizing Legislation for Upper Colorado and San Juan Endangered Fish Recovery Programs

Dear Representative Boebert,

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Upper Colorado and San Juan Endangered Fish Recovery Programs.

We very much appreciate your efforts over the last several months to develop legislation reauthorizing federal cost sharing for the recovery programs. Our understanding is that the legislation authorizes continued funding for 7 years, with \$50 million for capital projects tied to recovery programs and \$70 million of annual funding, both to be provided by appropriations to the Bureau of Reclamation.

We support introduction of the reauthorizing legislation at the earliest possible date.

The recovery programs provide Endangered Species Act compliance for 2,500 water projects in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The programs are also engaged in recovery of four endangered fish species. Those efforts are successful in preserving and moving the species towards recovery.

Thank you for your support of these important programs.

Sincerely,

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